



OUTLINE of the National ICZM Strategy for the Adriatic countries

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Format and Contents

“The national strategy, based on an analysis of the existing situation, shall set objectives, determine priorities with an indication of the reasons, identify coastal ecosystems needing management, as well as all relevant actors and processes, enumerate the measures to be taken and their cost as well as the institutional instruments and legal and financial means available, and set an implementation schedule.”
(Article 18.2)

The final National ICZM Strategy and associated material should be published in both paper and accessible on-line formats. The following contents based on relevant Articles of the ICZM Protocol are shown for guidance and consistency.

The contents of the National ICZM Strategy should consist of:

1. **Endorsement**

Copy of official statement or certificate of adoption or endorsement by the responsible national authority.

2. **Introduction**

- Justification and context - the ICZM Protocol;
- Territorial Scope – the terrestrial and marine boundaries of the coastal zone and its ecosystem;
- Timeframe – typically 10-15 years including provision for regular review.

3. **Governance Structures and Participation**

Identify responsibilities for co-ordination and implementation. Long-term governance structures and processes to ensure integration, co-ordination and public participation in the coastal zone consistent with Article 14.1 of the ICZM Protocol.

4. **Vision**

The national vision for the coastal zone, and its international context.

5. **Analysis & Objectives**

Brief analysis of the current state of the coastal zone, root causes of major problems, risks, weaknesses and opportunities, and potential future scenarios; The national objectives for

sustainable development of the coastal zone reflecting environmental, economic and social priorities; Identification of the key indicators to measure the success addressing these priorities.

6. **Priorities for the Coastal Zone**

Statement of priorities for the coastal zone with an indication of the reasons. This statement should set out the national priorities and links to other relevant strategies including spatial planning, environmental, natural risks, in particular climate change (Article 22), economic development, transport, etc.

7. **Identify Specific Ecosystems and Themes**

Define the specific coastal ecosystems requiring management, in particular estuaries and wetlands so to take into account their environmental, economic and social function (Article 10); Provide for the protection of coastal landscapes (Article 11) and cultural heritage (Article 13); Recognise the specificities of islands and the necessity to ensure interaction among them (Article 12).

8. **Means of Implementation**

▪ **Policy**

Integrated and harmonised policies across government to support the sustainable development of the coast.

▪ **Legislative & Regulatory Framework**

Legislative and regulatory framework, including existing and proposed legislation. In particular, the Strategy should include proposals to meet the requirements of Article 8 of the ICZM Protocol, "Protection and Sustainable Use of the Coastal Zone".

▪ **Economic, Financial & Fiscal Instruments**

Fiscal and other economic measures, such as investment orientation, financial incentives or penalties, to be used to achieve the Strategy's objectives (Article 21).

▪ **Land Policy**

Land policy instruments and measures, including the process of planning; Mechanisms for the transfer of land to the public domain or secure its use for public benefit (Article 20).

▪ **Partnership and Awareness Raising**

Identification of key partnerships and the plan for their active involvement; Proposals for raising wide awareness of the importance of the coastal zone and its sustainable development.

9. **Action Plan**

A supporting roadmap to achieve the Strategy, i.e. an action and finance plan to deliver the Strategy over a predetermined time period, typically 3-6 years.

10. **Proposals for Subsidiary Coastal Plans and Programmes**

Proposals and guidance identifying the priority areas and the hierarchy of coastal plans and programmes at the regional and local scale to implement the Strategy at sub-national and local level.

11. **Transboundary & International Co-operation**

Identify transboundary and international issues, and the co-ordination mechanisms (Article 28).

12. **Monitoring & Evaluation process**

The frequency and nature of the monitoring and evaluation process, including the appropriate indicators in order to evaluate the effectiveness of Integrated Coastal Zone Management Strategies, Plans and Programmes as required by Article 18.4.

The outputs at the various stages of Strategy preparation plus the Strategy document itself should be concise, clearly written and well illustrated.

Appendices

Supporting and technical information should be published separately as appendices, including maps defining the terrestrial and marine boundaries of the coastal zone. On-line versions and supporting material including the SEA, where appropriate, should be also designed and published.

International Dissemination Summary

A summary version in a template provided by PAP/RAC should also be provided for translation and publication. The purpose of the summary is to enable dissemination, comparison and facilitating reporting of the Protocol implementation and to share good practice between Contracting Parties.



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